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REF: BIEN HOA 589, 594

1. CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES TO INSTALL NEW PROVINCE CHIEFS
TOOK PLACE MORNING OF NOV. 27 IN TAY NINH AND HAU NGHIA. COL.
TRAN VAN TY IS NEW PROVINCE CHIEF IN TAY NINH. COL. TON THAT
SOAN, A MARINE OFFICER, IS NEW HAU NGHIA PROVINCE CHIEF.

2. COL. TRAN VAN TY IS NATIVE OF

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TAY NINH, BORN IN LONG CHU VILLAGE (BEN CAU AREA) FEB. 6, 1934.

ALTHOUGH TY IS NOT CAO DAI FOLLOWER, HE IS REPORTEDLY RELATED TO HIGH LEVEL CAO DAI AND HIS PRENTS MAY BE MEMBERS.

3. ARVN 25TH DIVISION COMMANDER COL. NGUYEN HUU TOAN TOLD CONGEN POL OFF AT TAY NINH CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY THAT HE HAS ALREADY REPLACED COMMANDERS OF 46TH AND 50TH REGIMENTS. NEW COMMANDERS ARE LTC CAO HUU NHUAN (46TH) AND LTC VU LO (50TH). MUCH TO CON OFF'S SURPRISE, COL. TOAN PRAISED PERFORMANCE OF COL. NGUYEN VAN THUA, COMMANDER OF 49TH REGIMENT BASED IN TAY NINH AND DISCOUNTED POSSIBILITY OF HIS TRANSFER.

4. MOST RECENT RUMOR CONCERNING REPLACEMENT OF LONG KHANH PROVINCE CHIEF COL. TRUONG BY LTC TRAN VAN NGUYEN, FORMER BINH DUONG PROVINCE CHIEF, WAS EMPHATICALLY DENIED BY MR 3 CHIEF OF STAFF WHO ASSURED CONGEN POLITICAL OFFICER NO MORE CHANGES CONTEMPLATED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. COMMENT: PERSISTENT RUMORS OF REPLACEMENT OF LONG KHANH PROVINCE CHIEF OVER PAST FEW MONTHS HAVE REDUCED CURRENT INCUMBENT TO LAME DUCK. END COMMENT.

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